

To Whom This May Concern,

My daughter April is 33 years old and has both mental and physical disabilities and requires 24/7 care. We have been on a "Wait List" for placement for over 25 years with The Department of Developmental Services. If April was just a couple of years older she would have received funding for placement prior to funding cuts and changes to DDS.

It continues to be a struggle for us to meet all of her needs on a daily basis and even more so now that we are in our sixty's. In the past DDS has not been flexible enough or quick enough to give us help in an emergency situations which we had a few of them. April has already had cuts from her budget over the last few years and can not afford any more cuts. She has less services and more time at home due to these cuts.

I am praying that more funding will be available to help families who have been waiting for years and some decades like us, to have our adult child placed in an appropriate setting with the level of supports they need. We are not getting any younger and my daughter's needs are growing as she ages. It has always been hard to do things having her with us most of the time. Please see that no more cuts are made to DDS. There has been way too much cutting of funds.

Just say NO!

Stop the cuts to DDS! Restore rescission cuts! Fund the Waiting List and fully fund DDS supports!.

Thank you for your time,

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